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A number of Bristow business men have joined in the printing of this page, in order that the story of the fine city of Bristow might be told to the thousands of Tulsa World readers.

They feel that Bristow is well located, has so many natural resources and advantages that undoubtedly, the summary of these things in a printed page will make an interesting story.

Like most Indian territory towns, the site was selected by the government, and around it, Oklahoma statesmen and Oklahoma explorers have built an empire that ranks high in wealth and prosperity.

It was from this city that the great Cushing oil field was developed. Here a few years ago, B. H. Jones and Tom Slick started to drill into what is now the greatest proven oil field in the Mid-Continent field, and a great deal of the wealth that district produced was made by Bristow men, who have remained with their city loyalty, and have spent it liberally in building beautiful homes, fine public buildings, schools and churches.

Investments in Bristow have brought handsome returns. In an industrial way, there are two cotton oil mills and seven cotton gins, and the crop just handled by these mills was valued in excess of \$1,250,000.

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while other agricultural products and live stock have added at least \$750,000, so that the farmers around Bristow have made two million dollars worth of wealth in 1918.

A number of other industries have prospered in Bristow, probably the best example being the Continental Refining Company. Starting in a small way—with an investment originally of \$1,500, this company, under the management of A. A. Rolleston and Leon Thevenin, has grown to a million dollar corporation, with one of the most modern plants in the state. Stockholders of the corporation are to vote this month on an increased capital up to \$1,500,000, and a subsidiary company with a capital of a million is being organized, to handle the refinery's products.

Four well managed banks in Bristow, have a combined asset of \$2,000,000. They are progressive in their business methods, have strong outside connections, and take an active part in the development of the city and county.

The Bristow Glass Company is another successful manufacturing plant. They manufacture bottles, and have contracts booked ahead to keep the plant running for months. Specializing on soda top and vinegar bottles, which are shipped all over the United States.

These bottles are made with natural gas as fuel from wells adjoining Bristow, there being a large field controlled by Joe Abraham, owner of the Bristow Gas Company, which makes attractive rates to industrial plants.

School facilities have been adequate and ample in Bristow, but it has required a constant adaptation of the city's future. Four school buildings have been provided, one just being completed, which will take care of present needs, but with an ever increasing population, there is already plans ahead for additional facilities.

Messrs. B. H. and Monfort Jones have only recently completed a fine gift to the Masonic lodges of Bristow. It is a temple erected especially for lodge purposes, and is in appreciation of the city that these citizens made the gift. The city recently was given a symposium by R. L. Jones, a brother of the well known oil men. It was given to the public school system.

Bristow retail merchants enjoy a wonderful trade. They have a territory to draw from that extends 15 to 20 miles in every direction, and it is a well known fact among the Tulsa wholesale houses that Bristow is the largest buying city in eastern Oklahoma, trading with Tulsa. The Tulsa wholesaler who has an account or two in Bristow gets mighty fine orders every week.

Oil development in and around Bristow has been going on for the past 15 years. Many Tulsans know the prospects, and are playing the undeveloped Bristow territory in preference to some of the more developed fancy stuff in adjoining counties or adjoining states. South of Bristow a number of wells have been drilled, all producing oil or gas in varying quantities. Much of the territory is yet untested. North of Bristow, recently some fine gas territory was developed, while several oil wells indicate a nice pool is in sight.

Bristow occupied a very important place during the war, having been made the center of a specially created draft board district, though it is not the county seat. Giving liberally of man power, and stripping much of the farming community and oil fields of young men, it produced the banner cotton crop in its history, and kept the oil production up to the maximum. Bristow citizens bought liberally of Liberty bonds, and gave to every drive, and was 100 per cent patriotic. A W. S. S. bank, one of the first to be built in Oklahoma, was maintained throughout the war, and Bristow absorbed more than his quota of stamps. Albert Kelly, one of the wealthy men of the city, gave his entire time to the W. S. S. bank, and made baby bonds very popular with Creek countians.

In an agricultural way, Creek county has yet many thousands of acres of fine land in a crude condition. During the past five years, thousands of acres of land restricted to Indian title have been thrown on the market, and farmers have been getting it under cultivation as rapidly as their energy would permit. The titles are being assured by court decisions and judicial opinion, and the chaotic condition that obtained in all eastern Oklahoma is now clarifying, and it is developing the farming section.

From the soil, wonderful results are obtained, though much of the farming is yet done by unskilled farmers. Rapidly, the north and the south are sending their best posted farmers into Creek county, where cheap land is yet to be obtained, and these people are buying modern machinery and using the best methods, with wonderful results.

Cotton is the surest and the staple crop. But little wheat is grown, yet there are a number of farmers who gave acreage to wheat during the war, in answer to the appeal of the government for more food.

Corn produces in some sections, but is not a sure crop. Silos have been built by many farmers, where a corn crop is turned into profits, even if it fails to mature when the well known Oklahoma summers sometimes get too hot for it.

Bristow is a watermelon center, producing melons that have a reputation in many of the larger cities. Some of the finest melons ever put on the city markets grow on farms around Bristow. Fruits and vegetables of variety know generally in Oklahoma, grow around Bristow, while other crops have given results, where tested out.

The government maintains at Bristow a farm demonstrator, who co-operates with the commercial club of the city in encouraging modern farm methods. He has assisted materially in bringing the crop production up, and has especially been of service in the improvement of live stock. The government encouraged the growing of thoroughbred stock, and today, some of the finest herds of cattle in Oklahoma are owned by Creek county farmers and stock raisers.

A system of highways through the county has been graded up, in preparation for hard surface. The Ozark trail runs through the county, from northeast to southwest, and is a very popular line for automobile travel. Portions of the road have already been surfaced, and Tulsa and Oklahoma City citizens pronounce it the finest piece of highway in the state—both the dirt and surfaced.

Farmers in an area covering more than 20 miles make Bristow their trading and marketing place. With practically no competition from towns and cities in any direction for a distance of 15 to 20 miles, it is the business center of a vast trade territory, and as a result, the business men are representative and energetic. Several of the stores do big business and they are represented largely in the advertising on this page.

With ample banking resources to finance any crop grown, Bristow maintains a place in the cotton marketing section of the state that is stable. It holds the distinction, too, of being the largest primary cotton market in the world.

A compress is to be built at Bristow this summer, which will make it an important point in eastern Oklahoma.

Bristow has every modern facility in a civic way. In addition to a fine school system, thoroughly equipped, it has paved streets, a sewer system, and an abundant supply of fine, clear water, that is fit for all purposes. If for nothing else, Bristow is noted for its water supply. The Frisco railroad uses it for drinking purposes all along the Sapulpa division, moving a train load daily in the summer to its various stations. It is used for boiler purposes, which is an asset to manufacturing plants, as it is an ideal steam-producing water.

So little mineral is carried in the water that it is pronounced 100 per cent pure. It comes from deep wells, and is found in sheets of sand that seem to carry an inexhaustible supply.

With every natural resource, a fine farming community, plenty of capital for all purposes, and made up of 3,500 people, Tulsa is certainly proud of such a neighbor.

If you are interested in Bristow, please write the Bristow Commercial Club, T. B. Gibson, secretary. Mr. Gibson is one of the best posted men in Creek county on possibilities and investment opportunities.

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